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TO: Workforce Development Council

FROM: Doug Gray, Department of Correction 

SUBJECT: Idaho's Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Information Only

The US Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has granted spending authority to Idaho Department of Correction and Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction up to 10% of Idaho's three-year, \$2,000,000 award under the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative ("Going Home"). Allowable expenditures include planning and coordinating activities with interagency and faith-based partners in services essential to the return of offenders to communities as productive, law-abiding citizens. Authorization to begin the delivery of the grant-funded enhancements to Idaho's offender reentry program will follow approval of modifications to the "workplan" and budget that were submitted to OJP in November.

The Departments of Correction (DOC) and Juvenile Corrections (DJC) used the release of federal funds to host a Resource Roundtable on December 19. The agencies plan to follow-up this roundtable with a Resource Summit in late January or early February and to conclude the planning/coordinating stage of the reentry initiative project by sharing the Reentry Workplan with stakeholders in late winter or early spring, 2003.

The Resource Roundtable assembled essential partners from state-level agencies involved in public safety and providing services that offenders may access during their transition from incarceration to supervised parole in the community. Representatives from the following agencies discussed their role(s) in offender reentry:

- Department of Correction
- Department of Juvenile Correction
- Office of the Governor
- Parole Commission
- Department of Education
- Health and Welfare
- Department of Labor
- Workforce Development Council

Sharon Harrigfeld, Project Manager from DJC, took notes during each presentation. The two corrections agencies will use these state-level guidelines in developing interagency agreements and MOU's with the local service providers in the Southwest Idaho regions in which Idaho's reentry initiative is being piloted. Also, the agencies participating in the Roundtable recognized a need to revise the state-level interagency MOU regarding offender reentry.

The participants in the Roundtable committed to joining the local service providers during the upcoming Resource Summit to assist in implementing Idaho's Reentry Initiative.